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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJ: FIJI TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRC

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT 4, FIJI PRIMIN RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA ANNOUNCED MAJOR POLICY CHANGE WITH REGARD TO PRC AND ROC. FIJI AND PRC WILL IN NEAR FUTURE SIGN AGREEMENT ON DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. ROC TRADE MISSION IN SUVA WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN, BUT WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, NOR WILL PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. PRIMIN ADDED THAT ORIGINAL AGREEMENT PERMITTING ROC TO ESTABLISH TRADE MISSION IN SUVA HAD MADE IT CLEAR THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION BY FIJI OF ROC. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, TRADE MISSION HAS TAKEN ON PERFORMANCE OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS WHICH GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BY FIJI.

2. PRIMIN SAID PRC HAD FIRST APPROACHED FIJI IN 1973 IN NEW YORK. DISCUSSIONS HAVE SINCE BEEN HELD IN CANBERRA, BETWEEN PRC AMBASSADOR AND FIJIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER. HE ADDED THAT TALKS HAVE HERETOFORE GOTTEN NOWHERE BECAUSE OF PRC INSISTENCE THAT FIJI END ALL DEALINGS WITH ROC.

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3. TRADE BETWEEN FIJI AND THE TWO CHINAS HAS BEEN ON INCREASE, ALL HOWEVER ONE WAY INTO FIJI. OF TWO, ROC HAS CAPTURED MAJOR SHARE OF MARKET. LAST YEAR, IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN TOTALLED FDOLS 3.7 MILLION, WHILE IMPORTS FROM PRC TOTALLED FDOLS 1 MILLION.

4. ROC S NEW TRADE COMMISSIONER, TSUN-HSIEN LIN, JUST ARRIVED IN FIJI FROM TAIPEI, WHERE HE WAS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS PREDECESSOR, TIMOTHY Y. H. FU, LEFT SUVA SEPT 4 FOR A POSTING IN TAIPEI.

5. GOF HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHEN ACTUAL AGREEMENT OF RECOGNITION WILL BE SIGNED, NOR HAS ANY STATEMENT BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADORS. EMBASSY DOUBTS FIJI WILL ACCREDIT IN PEKING, EVEN ON CONCURRENT BASIS, SINCE IT HAS NO AMBASSADORS IN AREA. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT PRC AMBASSADOR WILL BE ACCREDITED IN SUVA. THIS COULD BE EITHER CONCURRENTLY, FROM CANBERRA OR WELLINGTON, OR A RESIDENT MISSION. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS LATTER HAS BEEN INDICATED BY CHINESE AS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.  
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